



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Plasma Processing Apparatus

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated April 12, 2006, the period for response having been extended to October 12, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.